light of Late Shri Nikhil Chakravarty Committee Report submitted in July 1992.

(c) 11 IDSA scholars undertook research fellowship abroad since July 2001. In addition, 179 scholars went abroad during the period to attend seminars, workshops etc.

(d) Scholars under fellowship projects in IDSA have been permitted to go for fellowships in Institutions abroad for limited period of time and they have been permitted to draw Fellowship stipend abroad for lcoal expenses. Thus, Fellowship allowances have been allowed to be drawn to enable them to finance their stay abroad during the Fellowship period.

Review of DRDO

2466. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Expert Committee set up to conduct a comprehensive review of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The Committee has been constituted on 8th February 2007, under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. Rama Rao with seven members-four superannuated officers one each from the three Services and from Defence Finance, and one each from Industry, Public Sector Units (PSUs), and Academic Institutions.

(b) No, Sir. The committee has just begun its work and is expected to complete its task by end of the year.

(c) Does not arise.

Lagging behind in the field of artillery

2467. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is still lagging behind in the field of artillery;